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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 15 December 1989, the General Assembly adopted resolution 44/116 O, entitled "Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof", the relevant operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

> "The General Assembly,
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> "8. Also requests the Secretary-General to report by 1992, and every three years thereafter until the fourth Review Conference is convened, on technological developments relevant to the Treaty and to the verification of compliance with the Treaty, including dual-purpose technologies for peaceful and specified military ends; in carrying out this task he should draw from official sources and from contributions by States parties to the Treaty and may use the assistance of appropriate expertise;
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> "9. Urges all States parties to the Treaty to assist the Secretary-General accordingly by providing information and drawing his attention to suitable sources;"

2. Pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 9 of the resolution, the Secretary-General addressed a note verbale to States parties to the Treaty inviting them to provide information on the subject. The reply received is reproduced in section II of the present report. Any other replies received will be issued as addenda to the present report.

3. The Secretary-General wishes to point out that the information submitted to him by States parties to the Treaty does not provide sufficient official material for him to report on the subject-matter on the basis indicated in paragraph 8 of the resolution.

II. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

POLAND

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[6 June 1995]

1. The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations has the honour to state that Poland has not taken any action that might not be in compliance with the provisions of the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof.

2. The Permanent Mission also wishes to state that Poland intends to ratify in the near future the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.